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PROGRAM ASSOCIATION TABLE WHEN REDUCING  
MULTIPLEXED DATA STREAMS

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

**U.S. PATENT(S):**

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Cartwright, C.T., "Issues in Multiplex and Service Management in Digital Multichannel Broadcasting", International Broadcasting Convention, September 1997, pages 308-313.

Wasilewski, Anthony J., "The MPEG-2 Systems Specification: A Common Transport for the Digital Highway", Annual Review of Communications, National Engineering Consortium, 1997, pages 785-795.

The references listed above were cited by the European Examiner in the Search Report dated December 23, 2004 (copy enclosed) in Applicants' counterpart European patent application 02 00 4999 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

**OTHER U.S. PATENT(S):**

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**OTHER PUBLICATIONS:**

"ETR 211: Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Guidelines on implementation and usage of Service Information (SI)", ETSI Technical Report, August 1997, pages 1-42.

Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

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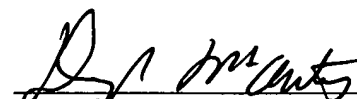
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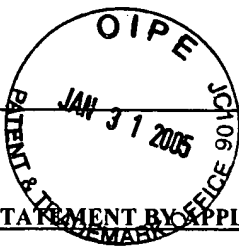
Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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